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## HONGKONG JOTTINGS.

This is the season of the year when every man feels on the best of terms with himself as well as with his neighbour, and anyone who has witnessed during the past week the troops of coolies employed in carrying "cumbas" to the residences on the hillside and hilltop have observed very remarkable manifestations of the fact. "Christmas comes but once a year," as the poet says, and we make the most of it while it lasts. And having survived Christmas, I suppose many are now making their engagements for the New Year holiday. Holidays seem to come thick and fast at this time of the year, and many of us, I dare say, are already beginning to feel as one of Shakespeare's characters did, that:

If all the year were playing holidays,  
To sport would be as tedious as to work.

The vendors of flowers in the Colony did a lucrative business last week. Bunches of flowers, such as can usually be bought for 10 or 15 cents were selling for 50 or 75 cents. The boughs of fir which were sold at good prices to do duty as Christmas trees apparently cost their vendors nothing but the labour of breaking them off the trees on the island, for in the course of a ramble over the hills on Christmas day I saw many evidences that this was how many of the boughs had been acquired.

Appropos this subject of Christmas decorations, I have been asked the reason for the singular absence of floral decorations in the Cathedral on Xmas day. "There were the same inartistic pillars, the same gloomy-looking walls lacking even a semblance of decoration, and but for a few ferns in the vicinity of the altar, the Cathedral wore its sombre everyday appearance." My correspondent seems to think the absence of any decorative scheme, such as worshippers in the churches at home delight to see, is due to indifference; but I know of clergyman at home who entertain strong objections to these floral decorations, and though I have no knowledge of the reasons for the lack of adornment at Christmas in our own Cathedral it is more likely to be due to similar objections than to indifference.

I notice one or two improvements on the higher levels which have doubtless not escaped the notice of others, and as I have complained in this column about their need, I am more pleased to mention them. The iron railing in Conduit Road, between Robinson Road and Bellis Terrace, which the depredations of thieves had left dangerously defective, has been repaired for its entire length; the Gas Company has improved the lighting of this road within the past few days by putting down larger mains, and consequently householders too derive equal benefit. Still one more item might be incorporated in this note. Public seats have during the past week been placed in Glenelg Road. Those who walk up the incline will appreciate them. The letters "B. & A.D." painted on the top rail appear to somewhat mystify some people, but when it is explained that the letters represent Botanical and Afforestation Department, it affords an opportunity to the joker to say that the Department is not as "B.A.D." as it is painted.

Many new buildings are being erected on the higher slopes as well as at the base of Victoria City and I might venture a comment on the subject of the precipitous retaining walls which multiply as building sites are acquired on the hillside. So often have similar retaining walls given way in various parts of Hongkong after heavy rains that, one would think, new walls would be built more on an incline, but there is no evidence of this idea being entertained by the local builders. I note however, in some places that pipes project from the walls. Perhaps, by this means of drainage, the strain on the walls during wet weather will be lessened.

Now that the City is growing so fast in all directions, rents, we sometimes hear it said, must go down, even in Queen's Road when Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., and other firms, vacate their old premises to take possession of the new buildings in Des Vaux Road. That, however, is a delusion. Rents in Queen's Road show a strong tendency in the opposite direction, and we are not likely to see property abnegating for occupation in that quarter for a few years yet.

I note that in Des Vaux Road, where telephone posts interfered with the tramways' scheme, the telephone wires have been fixed on to the tramways' poles, thereby allowing the telephone poles, which formed an obstruction, to be removed. This appears to be a very good arrangement, and, considering that the tramways poles are embedded in cement, they ought to withstand the strain put upon them during typhoons. It is only a little over a year ago, it will be remembered, that the telephone posts in Des Vaux Road were blown down. Occurrences of this description are very dangerous.

BANYAN.

## THE UPPER YANGTZE VALLEY.

At the Theatre, Burlington Gardens, London, last month, before the Royal Geographical Society, Lieutenant-Colonel C. C. Manifold read a paper on "Recent Exploration and Development in Central and Western China." Sir Clements R. Markham, the president, occupied the chair. Lieutenant-Colonel Manifold said that the part of China to which he wished to draw attention was the Upper Yangtze Valley, particularly the rich and fertile province of Szechuen. Of the two journeys which he made in these regions the first was made in 1900, before and during the Boxer outbreak,

and the second immediately after it, on the evacuation of Peking by the allied forces. In the first case his starting point was Burma, and in the second case Peking, and the intermediate distance covered to reach the upper Yangtze, as well as the routes traversed in its basin and on the return journey, amounted to nearly 6,000 miles of land travel on foot and 3,000 on inland waterways by junk and boat. Of the province of Szechuen, the eastern division or Red Basin, as it might be termed, from its geological formation of red sandstone, had an area of nearly 70,000 square miles, closely cultivated, and a population approaching 50 millions. It was a country with immense industries, holding great deposits of coal, salt, and petroleum. Vessels of 1,000 tons burden could ascend as far as Ichang, nearly 1,000 miles from Shanghai, but at that point merchandise had to be transhipped into junks, which could be towed through the gorges. The removal of the worst obstructions to successful commercial navigation would necessitate measures on a great scale. Wan-hsien and its rapid once passed, however, navigation by suitable steamers was possible throughout the year, and British shipowners would do well to turn their attention to that part of the river. But if we were to find means of bringing our manufactures direct from an ocean port into this rich province, and if we were to develop its resources so as to enable it to take an increased amount of our trade, we must seek a line of communication which would give greater security and a more regular and easy means of transit than was afforded by this waterway. At the conclusion of his description of the province Colonel Manifold gave an interesting account of the journeys he made to reach it, with a small escort of Gurkhas. Referring incidentally to the proposed Burma-Yunnan-Yangtze railway and the difficulties presented by the river-delt tableland of Yunnan, he said that a practicable line for a railway had been found and surveyed about 100 miles from the direct route of travellers. The expense of construction would be great, but as further developments occurred elsewhere and the rich Upper Yangtze regions were opened up railway communication between them and Burma would necessarily follow. From Ha Noi to Yunnan-fu the French had a far easier line to construct than we should have from Burma, but Yunnan-fu was only halfway to the Upper Yangtze. From that point neither British nor French projected lines would have any advantage over the other, the country being difficult in both cases. Referring to the decaying cities in the Great Plain, Colonel Manifold said he thought the great trunk railway which was under construction would bring back their prosperity. There was not only the main north to south French-Belgian line, but there were great side extensions from this Pei-Kan line. At Cheng-ting-fu would be the junction of a German-controlled line, which would be linked with the main German line in Shantung, and would bring up goods from the German port of Tsingtau; and from the country to the north would be opened up by a Russian-controlled line; and the heart of Central China would be tapped by another German-controlled line, and by it the trade of Central China would be brought into contact with the same German port. In fact, these two German lines, connecting Central China by a more direct route with the ocean-borne trade of a great Continental manufacturing nation, might exercise a more marked effect on these regions than the French-Belgian line.

## SHIPPING NOTES.

## WEATHER OUTSIDE.

Arrivals from the North report strong N.E. monsoon moderating as they approached port. N.E. monsoon is also being experienced to the South.

## AMOT SHIPING

Vessels at Amoy on the 24th inst. were the steamers *Glenagle*, *Glenfalloch*, and *Honoi*; and the barque *Ostha*.

## CARGO LUNED.

Telegraphic advices from the commanding officer at Camp Overton, Philippines, near the scene of the accident to the chartered transport *Kingsley*, which ran on the rocks and sustained serious injuries a few days ago, indicate that the greater part of the ship's cargo is damaged by water. When the vessel crashed against the rocks that opened a broad gash in her bottom, every effort was made to save her cargo, but as the nearest point of communication was several miles from the spot where the vessel lay, the entire consignment of hay was ruined before any effort could be made to shield it from water. Divers were working a few days ago in an effort to close the embrasure, and, though clear weather prevailed, little progress was made. All of the cargo was floating, there being over eight feet of water in the *Kingsley*'s hold. In the absence of any serious storm, it is hoped eventually to save the vessel.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Kanaga Maru* left Manila on the 25th inst., and is expected here to-day. The P. & O. steamer *Palermo* left Singapore for this port on the 24th inst., at 10 a.m. The N.Y.K. steamer *Awa Maru* (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 24th inst., and is expected here on the 30th inst. The H.A.L. steamer *Alasia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 25th inst. p.m., and may be expected here on the 1st prox.

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## SINGAPORE AND COMMERCIAL EDUCATION.

A sub-committee of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce has recently been considering the best way the Chamber could render assistance in this direction. The sub-committee consisted of Messrs. W. H. Shefford and W. H. Frizell, and recommended that an examination be held annually under the auspices of the Chamber. It is proposed to hold the first examination in June next. The report of the sub-committee reads:—

1. They find that a demand for good and useful clerks undoubtedly exists. At present young men desirous of entering upon a mercantile career leave the schools when they have passed the 6th or 7th Standard, and it is the general experience that they require some years' training in a mercantile office before their services are of much actual value to their employers.
2. A step has recently been taken by the Government to promote commercial education in the Colony, through the establishment of a Commercial Class. At present there are 20 boys attending the class, but of that number 11 only have passed the 7th Standard, while of the 23 boys in the Special Class in connection with the Queen's Scholarship, 25 have obtained clean Seventh Class passes, so that the Special Class still continues to prove the more attractive.
3. The Queen's Scholarship has hitherto been the chief aim of Education in the Colony, and naturally exacts a high standard of intellectual attainment. While the sub-committee have reason to believe that during the period of preparation for that scholarship, efforts are made towards the improvement of the aspirants in a general knowledge of the English language, yet it must be admitted that a very considerable time is devoted to the study of other subjects, which are of little practical value in a mercantile career. As a result many pupils even amongst those who have passed the 7th Standard are found to be lamentably deficient in English, and in those elementary subjects so useful to them in after life. It appears therefore to the sub-committee that the Chamber can greatly assist in remedying that defect by stimulating and encouraging a more thorough knowledge of English, whereby the mercantile community, without any impracticable burden in the matter of expense, would secure a more intelligent class of clerks than at present exists.
4. With that object in view, the sub-committee recommend that an examination be held annually under the auspices of the Chamber, and that certificates of efficiency be granted to those candidates who successfully satisfy the examiner. The sub-committee recommended that such examination should be open to either sex, and subject only to an age limit of not less than 17 years on the last birthday of the candidate. Also that it should be the aim of the Chamber that the certificates thus issued should indicate a standard of knowledge that will meet the requirements of the mercantile community.
5. The sub-committee deprecate excessive technicality in the examinations, and recommend that they should be based on the principles of "simplicity" and "thoroughness," that is, the course should be comparatively simple, but a high level of knowledge and accuracy in each of the specified subjects would be essential to secure a certificate.
6. The sub-committee recommend that the examinations be limited for the present to the following subjects:—

1. English; A—Conversation; B—Transcribing a draft letter; C—Writing a letter from rough outline.
2. Handwriting.
3. Arithmetic.
4. Shortland.
5. Typewriting.

Their aim has been to include nothing which is not essential. Other important subjects may be included later on, but this will best be done when the Chamber has gained some practical experience of the material it has to deal with.

8. Prior to the examination such vacancies as existed in Mercantile or in Banking Establishments could be ascertained, as the prospect of early employment would doubtless prove an additional attraction to candidates, and extend the chances of the success of the scheme.

9. The sub-committee are of opinion that the examinations should be conducted by members of the Chamber with the assistance of a master selected from one of the educational institutions in the Colony, but in any case the papers and questions would be submitted previously to a sub-committee appointed by the Chamber, as in their opinion it is better that the Schools should submit to the requirements of the Chamber rather than that the Chamber should shape their requirements to the level of the schools.

10. A registry of certificates granted to successful candidates would be kept by the Secretary of the Chamber, and public notice of the date of the examination would be announced some months beforehand. Each successful candidate would receive a parchment certificate signed by the Chairman of the Chamber, and to the candidate who was placed first at the annual examination a monetary prize of fifty dollars would be given by the Chamber.

11. It will be understood that the aim of the Chamber by the establishment of these examinations would be to co-operate with the Government in the development of commercial education in the Colony, and to supplement the present teaching in the schools by extending an encouraging hand to those who desire to enter upon a mercantile career, the result of which should prove of no slight assistance to the mercantile community.

(Sgd) W. H. FRIZELL.

W. H. SHEFFORD.

## WILD-DEER ON HONGKONG ISLAND.

Like certain other thickly inhabited islands of the Orient, Hongkong has its wild animals. Here, however, there is nothing to be afraid of; they are only pretty little mountain deer. By the way, though, there are also snakes, but not many. In the sister-colony of Penang, tigers have occasionally been known to swim over from the mainland, Province Wellesley. The island, moreover, is the abode of jackals, snakes, monkeys, and quite a host of small woodland quadrupeds. This, of course, is very pleasant from a hunter's point of view, but considering that even our little mountain deer have been found a nuisance, we must consider ourselves more fortunate than Penang. The trouble with the Hongkong deer is that they have a weakness for flowers; in fact, it has been decided to fence in, with wire netting, the Protestant cemetery as a barrier against these destructive visitors. The looking after of the Protestant cemetery has been transferred to the Botanical and Afforestation Department, beginning from the first of January. This department has recently undertaken the mammoth work in connection with converting waste lands at Kowloon into King's Park, while their duties on this side of the water, also, are increasing with the growth of the colony. During the rapid strides Hongkong has made, while developing from a practically uninhabited island to the second sea-port of the world, the importance of the Botanical and Afforestation Department, in preserving the beauty of the island, and laying out beautiful gardens, etc., has been an onerous one. How well they have performed their allotted task will be testified by any visitor to Hongkong. But, to return to the Protestant cemetery, where the deer have been eating up the borders of flowers, it is, naturally, continually being enlarged, and as the cemetery is being extended into the natural woods at Happy Valley, the finest trees are preserved to ornament it. The Afforestation and Botanical Department intend to make it as bright as possible with flowers, shrubs and trees. The wire netting to keep out the deer will enclose the present cemetery limits, and as the burial ground is extended, it will, of course, have to be moved out. Very few people in Hongkong have ever seen the mountain deer, as they are nocturnal animals, sleeping in their hiding places by day. They weigh about eight cwt., and have very long—about a foot long—straight horns. It is said, too, that the horns of some very old specimens are branched, but the truth of this cannot be vouched for. A rather amusing story is told of an inhabitant of Magazine Gap, when, one night, a deer found its way into the larder, where it proceeded to make a hole in the lettuce. The boy said: "Master, one piece of venison walk in larder; when you waken catch cow." Recently, the Botanical Gardens, Hongkong, had a Borneo specimen of nocturnal deer, somewhat similar to those found on Hongkong Island. It was an absolutely useless pet for the gardens, though, sleeping all day, and only coming out when it was too dark to be seen. It did not, moreover, take kindly to captivity, though it was supplied with succulent food, in which to conceal itself, and made as comfortable as possible; it died about three months ago. The Hongkong mountain deer bark very much the same as dogs.

## JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, 24th December:—Owing to the Christmas holidays our report is issued a day earlier than usual. During the interval, demand has ruled somewhat erratic, but a fair enquiry has existed throughout for some of our principal stocks, more particularly Hongkong and Whampoa Docks, which close firm at an advance.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai have weakened, owing doubtless to the fear of political complications in the north, and a few shares are now obtainable at \$665. London has reached to \$238. Nationals are firmer and can now be placed at \$31.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions continue on offer at \$400. China Traders have weakened, and can now be procured at \$56. North China, Yangtzes, and Cantons are unchanged and without business.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkong have sold and are still obtainable at \$310. Chinas have improved, and after sales at \$90 are required for at \$91.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have closed \$32, and are now in the market at \$32½. Indo-Chinas are quiet locally at \$76. The latest wire from the North quotes sellers at Tis. 54. China and Manila and Douglases are unchanged with sellers at \$18 and \$30 respectively. Star Ferries (old) have been booked at \$30; the new scrip is unchanged at \$10. Shell Transports have been taken off the market at 22/6 and 23/-, closing with sellers at the latter rate.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have been booked at \$104 and \$105, and are still to be had at the higher rate. Lurons are unchanged at \$10 sellers.

MIXING.—No business has transpired under this head, and quotations are more or less nominal.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have sold at \$204, \$206, \$207½ and \$230, and are in further request at the latter rate. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves have improved to \$97 with probable buyers. Barnhams have weakened, the latest quotation from the north being \$116 ex the interim dividend of Tis. 5 per share on account of year ending 30th April 1904, paid on the 22nd instant.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands have sold at \$157, \$158, and again at \$157, and a few more shares are offering at the latter rate. Kowloon Lands sold at \$32, request at \$35. West-Points have sold at \$32, request at \$35. West-Points have sold at \$32, request at \$35. West-Points have sold at \$32, request at \$35.

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## THE PREVENTION OF PLAGUE.

An important decision has been arrived at by the Government of Bombay, which, if it is carried to its logical conclusion with reasonable expedition, ought to add materially to the prospect of successfully combating plague on sanitary lines. In the important report he presented to the Bombay Corporation last July, confessing the inefficiency of the disinfecting measures hitherto adopted, Dr. Turner, the Health Officer, pointed out that the results of all the Commissions that have studied plague all have been so far as controlling the disease or throwing any light on its origin are concerned, practically nil. So too with the bacteriological work. The activity of the Research Laboratory at Parel has been from the beginning of the outbreak in Bombay concentrated upon the preparation of a fluid protective against plague. Thus, though an enormous amount of work has been done with regard to plague generally, no constant and persistent efforts have been made to connect the links of evidence supplied by the bacteriological, clinical and sanitary aspects of the conditions, and surroundings associated with plague. To remedy this deficiency Dr. Turner proposed that an attempt should be made by persistent and diligent labour to discover the relation of plague outside the body with the organism which is associated with the disease in its clinical aspect, and suggested that a special staff of skilled bacteriologists should be entrusted with this work.

The Bombay Government have, we are glad to see, recognised as any rule the principle of the inquiry for which Dr. Turner pleads, and have deputed Major Bannerman, I.M.S., and Captain Liston, I.M.S., who have been closely identified with the work of the Laboratory, to prepare a scheme of research on the lines indicated. It is extremely important that no technical difficulties shall be allowed to arrest the progress of this most important inquiry. We have now come to an absolute *cul de sac* in our plague policy. The one proved prophylactic—vaccination—was deliberately spurned by Government when the evidence in spite of the most convincing evidence of the necessity for such a step, to take any practical measures to allay the apprehensions aroused by the Mulkowal mishap. The sanitary palliatives devised in accordance with the recommendations of the Plague Commission have utterly failed to fulfill any useful purpose. To continue those palliatives, in the face of clear proof of their inefficiency, is an impossible policy, nor does it seem feasible to devise a more promising programme without a surer scientific foundation to work on. To secure the necessary scientific data is a matter of the first importance, not only for the benefit of the whole of India—it is a question which should be treated by Government as an Imperial work promptly supported by funds and men.—*Times of India*.

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By Command, A. M. THOMSON, Acting Colonial Secretary. Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 21st December, 1903. [3571]

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

## COMPANIES (WINDING UP).

IN THE MATTER OF THE WO ON STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED, and IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' ORDINANCES 1865 to 1899.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition for the winding up of the above-named Company by the Supreme Court of Hongkong was on the 21st day of December, 1903, presented to the said Court by the said Company.

And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Supreme Court House, Victoria, is the said Colony on the 14th day of January, 1904, at 11 a.m. and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an order on the said Petition must appear at the time of hearing by himself or his Solicitor or his Counsel for the purpose and a copy of the Petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring the same by the undersigned on the payment of the regulated charges for the same.

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## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## THE Steamship

## "BAYERN."

OF THE NORDEUTSCHER LOYD, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 11 a.m. To-day, 25th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 31st December, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Thursday, the 31st December, at 9.30 a.m.

All Claims for damage must be sent in before the 5th January, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

## NORDEUTSCHER LOYD.

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 25th December, 1903. [3573]

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR SWATOW.

## THE Company's Steamship

## "HALLOONG."

Captain Evans, will be despatched for the above port TO-MORROW, the 29th inst., at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARPAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1903. [3565]

## FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

## THE Steamship

## "ALEXIA."

Captain Schöndorf, will be despatched for the above ports on TUESDAY, the 6th January, at Noon.

For Freight, apply to HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1903. [3566]

## FOR KOBE, NAGASAKI AND YOKOHAMA.

## THE Steamship

## "STOLBERG."

Captain Deinat, will be despatched for the above ports on TUESDAY, the 5th January, at Noon.

This Steamship has superior accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1903. [3567]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## THE P. &amp; O. S. N. Co.'s Steamers

## "MAZAGON."

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

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From Alipho, ex a.s. Navah.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1903. [3568]

## "BARBER" LINE OF STEAMERS.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## S.S. "CHARLES TIBBERGHEN," FROM NEW YORK.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st January will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 5th January, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents.

Macao, 25th December, 1903. [3569]

## ZETLAND LODGE No. 525, E.C.

## A REGULAR MEETING OF THE FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, TO-DAY (MONDAY), the 28th inst., at 5.30 for 6 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1903. [3570]

## NOTICE.

## THE DISTRICT ROAD LODGE OF HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA will hold its Twenty-Eighth ANNUAL MEETING at the MASONIC HALL TO-MORROW (TUESDAY) instant, at 9 p.m.

All Master Masons are cordially invited to attend.

A. O'D. GOURDIN, D. G. Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th December, 1903. [3572]

## THE AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY.

Dr. M. H. CHAUN, 27, DES VUEX ROAD CENTRAL HONGKONG From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A. Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. [2490]

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Hongkong, 3rd July, 1902. [2491]

## PUBLIC COMPANIES

## HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that in accordance with the Special Resolutions passed on 31st October, and confirmed on 19th November, 1903, they are entitled on application to an allotment of one share for every two old shares held by them.

Forms of application will be sent to every shareholder.

The sum of \$2.50 per share will be payable, on application, on or before the 4th of January, 1904. Two months' notice of any calls will be given.

Shareholders desirous of paying in or before the 4th January, 1904, the whole amount payable in respect of their shares, can do so, and in such event will receive fully paid up scrip in exchange.

The new issue will rank for Dividend pro rata from 1st January, 1904, according to the amount paid on such shares on 4th January, 1904.

The Register of Shares will be closed from 17th December, 1903, to 4th January, 1904, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1903. [3317]

## THE CANTON-HONGKONG ICE AND COLD STORAGE CO., LD.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the STATUTORY MEETING of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICE of the Company, 31, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 7th day of JANUARY, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon.

CHIAN A YAK, Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1903. [3501]

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

## INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will take place from Stonecutters Island (West and East Batteries) in a South-Westerly direction at ranges from 600 to 4,000 yards, on the 1st JANUARY, 1904.

If the weather is unfavourable on this date, practice will take place on the 2nd of JANUARY.

Practice will commence at 9 a.m. and end about 11 a.m. if the range is clear.

By Command, A. M. THOMSON, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 19th December, 1903. [3520]

## DAVID CORSAK &amp; SON'S MERCHANT NAVY NAVY BOILER LONG FLAY RELIANCE CROWN TARPULING ARNOLD, KARBURG &amp; CO. Sole Agents.

3486]

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W. A. FARLANE, Manager.

Hongkong, 18th November, 1901. [65]

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [3518]

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MING ON & CO. Hongkong, 17th December, 1903. [3475]

## THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED.

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REFERRING to the notice of 20th December, 1902, and subsequent notices, senders of telegrams are hereby advised that from 1st JANUARY, 1904, the currency equivalent of the Franc will, subject to revision after three months, be \$0.44, at which rate the charge for all telegrams will be collected from the said date.

The following rates will, consequently, come into force:

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To Japan ... 1.40

To Amoy ... 0.25

To Shanghai ... 0.45

New complete List will be distributed as soon as it is ready. In the meantime any further information may be obtained by applying to the Company's Office.

OLAF NIELSEN, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1903. [3507]

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Hongkong, 17th October, 1899. [204]

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Hongkong, 11th August, 1903. [3252]

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Hongkong, 3rd November, 1903. [3313]

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Hongkong, 12th June, 1903. [872]

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Hongkong, 9th October, 1903. [2836]

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Amoy, 3rd December, 1903. [3387]

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HERBERT L. BEER, L.C.P.,  
Headmaster.

J. W. FELL, B.A.,  
Assistant-master.  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [3515]

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1903. [3444]

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Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903. [27]

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Hongkong, 19th June, 1903. [1888]

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THE Undersigned, having been appointed  
AGENTS for the above Company, are  
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HOLLAND-CHINA TRADING CO.,  
Hongkong, 26th November, 1903. [2169]

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Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [1113]

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Hongkong, 18th May, 1903. [1494]

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Hongkong, 17th August, 1887. [128]

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Hongkong, 6th October, 1903. [27]

## LATE TELEGRAMS.

[VIA CEYLON.]

## TRANSVAAL LABOUR QUESTION.

London, 8th December.  
The Transvaal Legislature opened yesterday.  
The Speech announces that Council will be  
asked at an early date to discuss the advan-  
tage of supplementing the supply of labour.

## THE COTTON CRISIS.

London, 8th December.  
There is a strong disposition in Lancashire  
to regard the American Agricultural Bureau's  
estimate as considerably below the actual cotton  
crop.

## COMMANDER GAUNT WOUNDED.

London, 8th December.  
His Majesty's cruiser *Mohawk* went to  
Durbo to enquire into the death of the Italian  
naval officer who was fired upon there. Com-  
mander Gaunt and sixty of the *Mohawk's* crew  
landed, and, after a palaver with the Sultan,  
which ended in nothing, both sides opened fire  
on each other. Commander Gaunt was  
wounded, and one marine killed. The British  
then re-embarked and returned to Aden.

London, 8th December.  
A newspaper telegram from Aden states  
that, before re-embarking, Captain Gaunt's  
force attacked and routed the Somalis, killing  
twenty.

## DIPLOMATIC PROGRESS.

London, 8th December.  
Colonel Sir John Lane Harrington has been  
gazetted Minister Plenipotentiary to Abyssinia.  
DANGEROUS FIRE ON A BRITISH CRUISER.

London, 8th December.  
A fire took place on the cruiser *Hermes* to-day  
in Devonport dockyard. Admiral Henderson,  
with a strong brigade, extinguished it. The  
shell-rooms, being endangered, were flooded to  
prevent an explosion.

COUNTY CRICKET—THE SUSSEX CAPTAINCY.

London, 8th December.  
K. S. Ranjitsinghji has resigned the Sussex  
captaincy; but he probably plays for that  
county next season.

## THE THIBET EXPEDITION.

Calcutta, 9th December.  
It is said in Darjeeling that efforts will be  
made to maintain telegraphic communication  
over the Jelep Pass with the Thibet Mission  
when it moves from the Chumbi Valley. The  
expedition to Gyantse will follow the route  
traversed by the explorer Sarat Chandra Das,  
though Sarat does not regard this route as the  
most favourable from the commercial point of  
view. The country between Sikhim and Lhasa  
is sterile and thinly populated, and north of  
Lhasa it is much the same. In the east there  
is a rich and populous country, which could  
easily be tapped by a road from Sadiya via  
Rima to Batang. Sarat Chandra Das says he  
is willing to organise an expedition in this  
direction.

GREEK VESSELS IN COLLISION.

London, 9th December.  
A collision has taken place between the Greek  
steamers *Asios* and *Pyloros* at Athos. The  
bow of the *Pyloros*—containing the second-class  
cabins—were crashed in and flooded, and fifty  
passengers were killed and drowned.

THE ITALIAN ECONOMIC RENAISSANCE.

London, 9th December.  
The Italian Budget statement shows an ex-  
tremely favourable state of the finances; and  
it is anticipated that the surplus will be six  
million lire. The Minister of the Treasury has  
announced a bill for the conversion of the 4½  
per cent. stock into 3½ per cent. stock; and  
subsequently to convert the 5 per cent. into  
3½ per cent.

RENEWED ACTIVITY IN SOMALILAND.

London, 9th December.  
The friendly Illaloes have had a severe fight  
with the Mullah's advanced post at Damot.  
The enemy were driven off with thirty killed.

AMERICAN CONSUL INSULTED AT  
ALEXANDRIA.

London, 9th December.  
The American Consul at Alexandria was  
confronted by an Armenian, who was a naturalised  
American, to a ship, when the police assaulted  
and overcame the Consul and his kavasses, and  
seized and imprisoned the Armenian. The  
Consul has lowered his flag and proceeded to  
Beirut. The United States Minister at  
Constantinople has complained to the Porte  
regarding the outrage.

THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.

London, 10th December.  
The Nobel Peace Prize, value £7,930, has  
been awarded to Mr. W. R. Cromer, the Radi-  
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of the Guildhall for meetings whereat Mr.  
Chamberlain and the Duke of Devonshire,  
respectively, will address the citizens.

ROYAL VISITORS TO EGYPT.  
London, 10th December.

Princess Henry of Battenberg and two  
children sail for Egypt to-morrow.

ITALY AND THE OVERLAND MAIL.  
London, 10th December.

In the Italian Chamber the Secretary of  
Posts declared that the Government had taken  
measures to prevent the regrettable delays in  
the Indian mail.

KING OF SPAIN'S FIRST FOREIGN VISIT.  
London, 10th December.

The King of Spain has arrived at Lisbon on  
a visit to the King of Portugal. This is his  
first foreign visit.

LOED ROBERTS' RESIGNATION.  
Calcutta, 10th December.

The London correspondent of the *Indian  
Daily Telegraph* cables that he has good au-  
thority for stating that Lord Roberts has made  
up his mind to retire at the end of the current  
financial year. The reason is supposed to be  
that he is opposed to certain new military  
schemes now under consideration. The post of  
Commander-in-Chief will probably be abolished,  
at the same time another post being created in  
its place; and the Duke of Connaught is  
spoken of as a possible selection to fill it.

THE AMERICAN MILLIONAIRE'S GIFT TO INDIA.

Calcutta, 10th December.

The plans of the Government buildings at  
Pusa, where the Phipps Laboratory and Agricul-  
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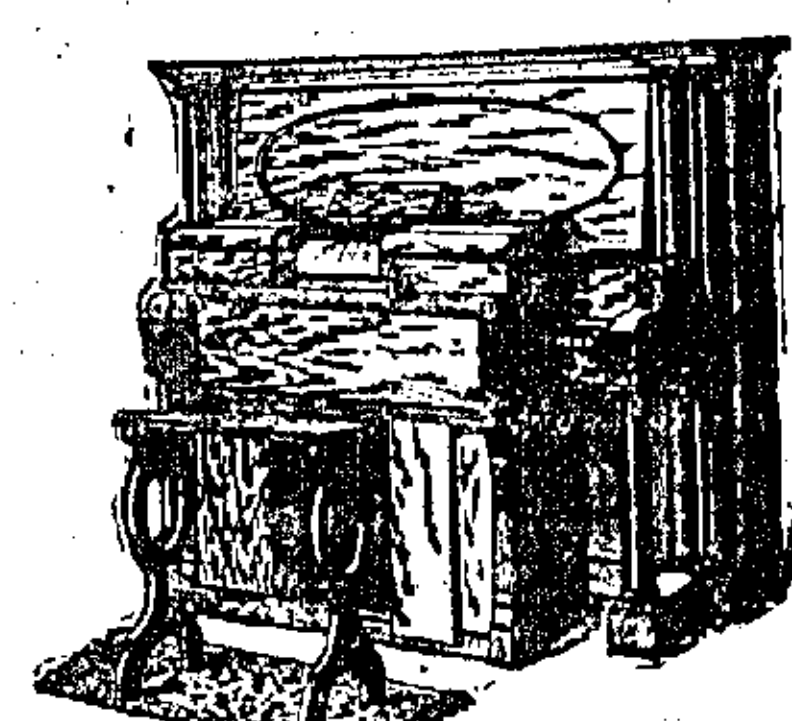
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Letters intended to be by this route should be posted not later than the Wednesday in each week, so as to catch the first Russian Boat from Shanghai to Dulay which leaves Shanghai every Sunday.

On Friday, the 1st prox., the Post Office will be open from 8 till 9 a.m. and on the arrival of the English Mail for one hour.

On Saturday, the 2nd prox., the Post Office will be open until 10 a.m. for the dispatch of the English Mail to Europe.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

The Post Office with the French Mail of 27th ult. left Singapore on Wednesday, the 23rd inst. at 8 a.m. and may be expected here on about Wednesday, the 30th inst. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 23rd October.

## MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Canton	Huam	Monday, 28th, 7.30 A.M.
Amoy, Swatow, Straits and Bangkok	Avoca	Monday, 28th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Huengshan	Monday, 28th, 1.15 P.M.
Kongmoon, Kunchuk and Samshui	Sie Yap	Monday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.
Hoihow and Bangkok	Maria Rickards	Monday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Hoihow, Singapore and Bangkok	Tai Chau	Monday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Namtau	Hoi Fu	Monday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Sambau	Wingchai	Monday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Kinshan	Monday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton		
Canton	Fatshan	Tuesday, 29th, 7.30 A.M.
Manila	Rosetta Maru	Tuesday, 29th, 10.00 A.M.
Europe, &c. India via Tuticorin	Saltire	Tuesday, 29th, 10.00 A.M.
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents)		
(Letters posted in the Free Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail)		
Macao	Huengshan	Tuesday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Kongmoon, Kunchuk and Samshui	Sie Yap	Tuesday, 29th, 1.15 P.M.
Hoihow and Bangkok	Kaga Maru	Tuesday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
Hoihow, Singapore and Bangkok	Tai Chau	Tuesday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
Namtau	Hoi Fu	Tuesday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
Sambau	Wingchai	Tuesday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Powen	Tuesday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Huam	Wednesday, 30th, 7.30 A.M.
Canton	Victoria	Wednesday, 30th, 11.00 A.M.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C. and Tacoma	Namsang	Wednesday, 30th, 1.00 P.M.
Straits and Calcutta	Huengshan	Wednesday, 30th, 1.15 A.M.
Macao	Sie Yap	Wednesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Kongmoon, Kunchuk and Samshui	Kaifong	Wednesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Namtau	Tai Chau	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
Sambau	Hoi Fu	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Wingchai	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
Manila, Port Darwin Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne	Chingta	Wednesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Canton	Kinshan	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Huengshan	Thursday, 31st, 1.15 P.M.
Kongmoon, Kunchuk and Samshui	Sie Yap	Thursday, 31st, 3.00 P.M.
Kongmoon, Kunchuk and Samshui	Tungchow	Thursday, 31st, 3.00 P.M.
Namtau	Tai Chau	Thursday, 31st, 5.00 P.M.
Sambau	Hoi Fu	Thursday, 31st, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Wingchai	Thursday, 31st, 5.00 P.M.
Kobe	Taiyuen	Friday, 1st Jan., 9.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Chomulpo, Dalney and Port Arthur	Saltire	Friday, 1st Jan., 9.00 P.M.
Manila	Zafiro	Satur., 2nd Jan., 9.00 P.M.
Yokohama, Kobe and Tsingtau	Badenia	Satur., 2nd Jan., 9.00 P.M.